

**Professional Development Committee
Marriott West - Richmond, Virginia
July 8, 2009
10:30 am**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Larry Oliver – Chair Billy Altman Dave Cullen Donna Hurst Stephen Rea Dr. Charles Lane Kathy Eubank Jeffrey Reynolds Holly Frost	Nick Klimenko	Warren Short Thomas Nevetral Greg Neiman Chad Blosser Dr. George Lindbeck Tim Perkins Michael Berg	Connie Purvis Marcia Pescitani Kim Craig

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I. Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 1043.	
II. Introductions	Introductions were not necessary.	
III. Approval of Agenda	<p>The Committee reviewed the Agenda for today’s meeting. (Attached)</p> <p>Dr. Brand has requested time to speak. This item was added under Medical Direction Committee Report.</p>	<p>Motion by: Dave Cullen Seconded by: Billy Altman To: Accept the Agenda as revised</p> <p>Unanimously Approved</p>
IV. Approval of Minutes	The Committee reviewed the minutes of the April 8, 2009 meeting. (ATTACHMENT: A)	<p>Motion by: Billy Altman Seconded By: Dr. Charles Lane To: Accept the minutes as presented</p> <p>Unanimously Approved</p>
V. Reports of Committee Members		
	<p>a. Officer Reports –</p> <p>i. Larry Oliver - Two action items were presented at the last Governor’s EMS Advisory Board (GAB) – both were tabled.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. TPAM Changes-copies not placed in the minutes for the GAB, it was an oversight on our part. There were concerns expressed about some of the OEMS Policies. The new policies will be included in the next GAB handout so the item can be completed. b. I to P Bridge-GAB wanted more information and was not ready to take a position. Larry has heard that a gap analysis is going to be conducted by NR and the National Association of State EMS Officials to determine what needs to be covered and seem to be backing away from the 72 hour statement. Larry will be speaking at the Medical Directors' Committee Meeting tomorrow regarding their decision to not take a position on this issue. c. Larry discussed briefly the Mission and Vision statements and tasks for today. b. Reports of Committee Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Medical Direction Committee – Dr. Lane <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dr. Asher Brand, Chair of MDC spoke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Proposed EMS Plan Document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive Committee has a sub-committee that is looking at the current Committee structure. 2. Dr. Brand requests that PDC consider expanding the mission and vision to enhance cooperation with MDC in regards to clinical issues and position papers. ii. DRAFT Trauma Triage Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Brand feels it is a very good plan that mirrors the CDC Guidelines. 2. However, he is concerned that it supersedes any regional or local plan and does not allow localization. b. Dr. Lane advised that the Procedure and Medication Schedules were tabled at the last MDC due to concerns expressed about the RSI skills being excluded from the Intermediate level from NOVA. It will be addressed again tomorrow. <p>There was discussion about the establishment of Statewide Procedure and Medication Schedule.</p> c. Office of EMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Division of Educational Development-Warren Short <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Atlantic EMS Council (AEMSC) Practice Analysis closed June 19th. The Council will be meeting at the end of July or early August to review the information obtained. ii. ALS Training Specialist – Tom Nevetral 	<p>Greg will send a copy of the Draft Triage Plan and CDC recommendations to PDC for review and comment.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ALS Programs have been ending and the Test Reps have been busy running Exams. b. The next ALS-C Meeting is in Roanoke on Friday, July 10, 2009. c. The next ALS-C Seminar on Saturday, July 11, 2009. Have 29 people registered. d. On August 7, 2009, in conjunction with EMS Advisory Board, Gregg Margolis will be in town. The Office has scheduled a session for him to meet with ALS-Coordinators. Anyone interested may come to ask questions on any issues related to the National Registry. iii. BLS Training Specialist – Greg Neiman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. New Practical Exam-We are on track for implementation on September 1, 2009. b. Consolidated Test Site (CTS) Evaluator Program has been rolled out. It is a two-part program. The 1st part must be completed online through TRAINVirginia. The second part involves watching video scenarios and evaluating candidate performance. The second part is hosted by the Regional Council. All current Evaluators must go through retraining to continue evaluating in the future. This requirement includes EMT Instructors who act as evaluators at CTS. c. Instructor Practical- The next Instructor Practical is scheduled for August 1, 2009 in the Winchester area. Invitations went out to close to 40 candidates. d. Instructor Institute- The next Instructor Institute is scheduled for October and will also be held in the Winchester Area. The last Institute was held in June in conjunction with the VAVRS Rescue College in Blacksburg. 14 new instructors received certification. e. EMS Instructor Updates - The next in person Updates will be held in September at the VAVRS Convention, October at the Frederick County Public Safety Building and November at Symposium. The Office has finally implemented monthly online updates and they have been successful. Instructors/ALS-C who attend must complete a quiz in order to ensure they actually participate in the online component. Have had a higher than expected fail rate on the quiz. Participants should download and refer to documents referenced in the Update to be successful. The schedule of Updates can be found on the OEMS website here: http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Training/EMS_InstructorSchedule.htm f. Suspension of EMT-B Exam - On June 28, 2009 the OEMS suspended the Written Instructor Pre-test in order implement the first major rewrite since they were issued in 1995. With the move to the <i>Education Standards</i> looming on the horizon, the Office felt now was the time to pull in the exams and write new exams based on the <i>Standards</i> and the AEMSC Practice 	

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	<p>Analysis. The Office anticipates resumption of testing no later than October 31, 2009. We are also planning to provide direction on how to prepare for the new exam. Due to the delay in testing, this may affect the Practical Exam scheduled for December and ultimately the Institute scheduled for January. Decisions on these events will be based on the number of eligible candidates at the time.</p> <p>iv. Funding and Accreditation – Chad Blosser</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accreditation Update- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Office has started the reaccreditation cycle. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) UVA Pre-hospital Program is going through the process and should be reaccredited. b) Feedback from Accredited sites has led to an increase in the number of letters to improve communication from the Office. c) We have a number of Paramedic programs that are seeking CoAEMSP Accreditation in compliance with the regulations. d) New Regulations expand required accreditation to the new Advanced EMT Certification Level and optional accreditation at the EMT Level. The Office will be developing a process to implement this. There will be some new courses at Symposium discussing BLS and AEMT Accreditation. 2. EMSTF – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 2009 contracts were wrapped up early as we met the \$3 million funding allocation point. \$2.4 million has already been distributed out of that money. b) 2010-monies have been reduced. DMV will still send us \$1.6 million and we will forward \$600,000 to VSP. This leaves us \$2.4 Million for FY 2010. \$866,000 has already been allocated since the 2010 contracts became available. c) The OEMS was told this week we must submit 5%, 10% & 15% budget reduction plans to the Health Department for the next year and next biennium. This may put EMSTF funds at risk. We will continue to contract until we are told we no longer have the money. 3. Bar Code Scanning <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The scanner models are no longer being manufactured and have been replaced by a new model. 	<p>Holly Frost entered at 12:15pm</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Software is being updated. 2) Information has already been released on the new model. 3) MSRP is \$1800. 4) New software provides feedback to the Instructor on who received or did not receive credit. 5) Questions, please contact Chad . 4. Three New Programs are going up on TRAINVirginia soon. 5. Training Program Administration Manual (TPAM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Regardless of what happened at the Advisory Board the Policies have been implemented. The Office needed them in place to move forward with scanners and third-party vendors. Once they are reviewed at the GAB, we don't think there will be opposition to them as written. b) Due to the current structure of the Regulations and TPAM, recently some Instructors were able to get by with things they should not have been allowed to do. Due to these loopholes, the Office will be required to rewrite the TPAM to clarify and make it more explicit. Look for a revised document in the future. v. Other OEMS Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Michael Berg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OMD Course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Compilation Report of those OMD's who are still outstanding in completing the OMD Course has been distributed. Deadline is August 31, 2009. b) Next in-person course is Aug 10, 2009 in Fauquier County. c) Online Course is still available. d) There is no extension to the variance, so OMD's who wish to continue must complete the process. 2. Regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) DDNR Regulations are on the Governor's Desk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) After approval will hold 1 public hearing before moving forward. 3. New Regulations-Still waiting on DPB to issue approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Once moved forward will hold five public hearings to address the new Regulations. 	
VI. Previous Business	None.	

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VII. New Business	<p>A. Review and discussion of the PDC Mission Statement:</p> <p>MISSION: The Professional Development Committee will, in collaboration with the Medical Direction Committee and other stakeholders, promote quality educational, operational and other affiliated aspects related to the enhancement of the EMS profession across the Commonwealth.</p> <p>B. Review and Adoption of PDC Vision Statement:</p> <p>VISION: The Professional Development Committee (PDC) will review and recommend changes for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and regulations affecting the training and certification of pre-hospital providers • procedures and guidelines for each level of certification • standardized education and testing curricula • training and continuing education requirements and improvements • monitoring of EMS training programs • Quality Assurance, Quality Improvement and accreditation for educational programs. <p>Working with our various stakeholders, the PDC will be forward-thinking, utilizing best practices identified in the delivery of EMS, recommend implementation of cutting-edge technology and encourage EMS educators and providers to strive for professional development and excellence in coordination, management and instruction to ensure that students and providers receive the best initial and continuing education to insure quality patient care.</p> <p>C. Review and Adoption of four Core Objectives:</p> <p>CORE OBJECTIVES: <i>Expand availability of Quality EMS Training.</i> - Promote the professionalism of EMS by aligning all initial EMS educational programs to that of other allied health professions. Assure competent entry-level providers by having all EMS programs accredited with accreditation at the EMT level as an option.</p>	

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	<p><i>Enhance Competency Based Training Programs.</i> – Research and implement alternatives to the practical examination such as successful completion of a recognized competency–based training program conducted by an accredited site and the use of computer-based technology for written examinations.</p> <p><i>Assure Quality and Evaluation</i> - Update the certification process to assure certification examinations continue to be valid, psychometrically sound and legally defensible, using subject matter experts and documents such as: the <i>Virginia Scope of Practice</i>, <i>EMS Education Standards</i> and <i>AEMS Council Practice Analysis</i>.</p> <p><i>Develop Partnerships with Stakeholders</i> - Promote collaborative educational activities between local government, EMS agencies, hospitals and community colleges to support more community-based EMS programs which lead to increased recruitment and retention of certified EMS Providers.</p> <p>(ATTACHMENT: B)</p> <p>D. Dr. Lindbeck is soliciting 2 people from PDC to work on Statewide Patient Care Guidelines. Holly Frost and Billy Altman have indicated their interest.</p>	<p>Motion by: Dave Cullen Seconded by: Donna Hurst To: Accept the proposed Mission and Vision statements and four Core Objectives and forward them to the Finance, Legislation and Planning Committee to consider for inclusion in the new State EMS Plan and EMS Advisory Board By-laws.</p> <p>Vote: Unanimously Approved</p>
VIII. Public Comment	None	
IX. Dates for 2009 Meetings	a. January 7, 2009	

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	b. April 8, 2009 c. July 8, 2009 d. October 7, 2009	
X. Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 1413.	

Professional Development Committee
Wednesday, July 8, 2009
Comfort Suites-Virginia Center Commons
10:30 AM
Agenda

- I. Welcome**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
- IV. Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2009**
- V. Reports of Committee Members**
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 - ii. Others
 - c. Office of EMS
 - i. Division of Educational Development-Warren Short, OEMS
 - ii. ALS Training Specialist- Tom Nevetral, OEMS
 - iii. BLS Training Specialist-Greg Neiman, OEMS
 - iv. Funding and Accreditation-Chad Blosser, OEMS
 - v. Other OEMS Information
- VI. Previous Business-none**
- VII. New Business**
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 - b. Review and Adoption of PDC Vision Statement
 - c. Review and Adoption of four Core Objectives
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**Attachment: A
July 8, 2009 Minutes of the PDC**

**Approved
April 8, 2009
Minutes of the PDC**

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Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Larry Oliver – Chair Donna Hurst Billy Altman Dr. Charles Lane Holly Frost Stephen Rea Nick Klimenko Jeffrey Reynolds Kathy Eubank	Dave Cullen	Gary Brown Scott Winston Thomas Nevetral Greg Neiman Chad Blosser Dr. George Lindbeck David Edwards Michael Berg	Connie Purvis Marcia Pescitani Debbie Akers Heidi Hooker Matt Lawler Randy Abernathy (past chair)

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I. Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 10:40 am	
II. Introductions	Members of the Committee and guests introduced themselves. Larry Oliver was introduced as the new Chairman and Stephen Rea was introduced as the new representative for EMS-C	
III. Approval of Agenda	The Committee reviewed the Agenda for today's meeting (Attached)	Approved as presented by General Consent
IV. Approval of Minutes	The Committee reviewed the minutes of the January 7, 2009 meeting (ATTACHMENT: A)	Motion by: Billy Altman To: Accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by: Nick Klimenko Vote: Unanimously approved
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	d. Officer Reports – None e. Reports of Committee Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Medical Direction Committee – Dr. Lane <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Presented Medication and Procedure Schedules to GAB at their last meeting b. Statewide Patient Care Protocols and Drug Box <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Need to get a workgroup together 	

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	<p>f. Office of EMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vi. Division of Educational Development-Tom Nevetral vii. ALS Training Specialist – Tom Nevetral <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gregg Margolis will be coming to visit Virginia. He will meet with ALS-Coordinators on August 7th @ 9am and will be addressing the Governor’s Advisory Board that afternoon. 2. Next ALS-C Meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2009 in Roanoke. 3. The next ALS-C Seminar is scheduled for July 11, 2009 also in Roanoke. 4. The Office of EMS has established a process for VA EMT-B’s who want to take NREMT-B. Instructors need to be more familiar with the process. The document and instructions can be downloaded from the OEMS website. (http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Files_page/Training/NREMT_EMT_Applicants.pdf) Nick Klimenko asked if this information can be presented at Consolidated Test Sites like information is presented on Reciprocity at National Registry Test Site. The Office stated they would look at that possibility. 5. Jeffrey Reynolds wanted to clarify National Registry (NR) Eligibility for Certification. The NR states that a person has 2 years from the date that they finish the course, not specifically the date the Course ends as required in Virginia BLS and Enhanced Courses. <p>Holly reported on some information from Registry. Bill Brown has decided to delay his retirement. Also, Gregg Margolis will be taking a sabbatical from Registry.</p> <p>There was discussion about the Bleeding Wound and Shock Registry Station. It was noted the new BLS station will not be following the new ALS Registry test at this point. Changes will need to be made after the new Education Standards go into place.</p> viii. BLS Training Specialist – Greg Neiman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS Instructor Updates – The first in-person Instructor Update is scheduled for June 13, 2009 in conjunction with the VAVRS Rescue College and Instructor Institute. By May 1st an Online Option should be available. All Instructor’s, ALS-C’s and EOI’s who have not been able to attend an Update and expire from 	

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	<p>January 31-June 30, 2009 will have their expirations extended to July 31, 2009.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Instructor Practical Exam: 19 Candidates have accepted invitations to the Instructor Practical schedule for Saturday, April 11, 2009 in the Roanoke Area. We will be Piloting the new Practical Exam at this test site. The next Instructor Practical is scheduled for August 1, 2009 in the Winchester Area. 3. EMS Instructor Institute - Next Institute will be held in conjunction with the VAVRS Rescue College in Blacksburg, VA June 13-18, 2009. Invitations will be going out after the Practical has been completed. 4. New BLS Practical Exam: We are on track to implement the new Practical Exam on September 1, 2009. The first pilot, held on December 6, 2009 at the Instructor Practical was successful. The next Pilot is scheduled at the Instructor Practical on April 11, 2009. We are coordinating a Pilot with around 70 High School EMT Students in early May to test the logistics with a large group. The final Pilot will be August 1, 2009 at the Instructor Practical in the Winchester Area. The timeline for implementation has been set. A rollout to all CTS Coordinators and OEMS Examiners will be held in May (tentative dates: evening of May 19th and morning of May 20 in Roanoke and evening of May 20 and Morning of May 21 in Richmond) A pre-packaged Evaluator Training program will be distributed to the Councils and they will train their Evaluators June-August. The May EMSAT broadcast will cover the new Practical. All Instructors will receive a new DVD showing all of the stations. There will be a transition process for candidates who are in the middle of a testing process to be allowed to retest under the old practical exam. Once the candidate is required to complete secondary eligibility they will be required to take the new Practical Exam. 5. Greg Neiman made an error in regards to the deadline for eligibility for the April 11, 2009 Practical Exam. Originally the eligibility date was to be February 14, 2009, but the date was changed to February 28, 2009 at the last minute before being posted to the web. Greg was working with the February 14th date in mind and had graded all exams received by that date and had begun working on preparations for the Practical Exam. A provider questioned the differences and dates and Greg realized his mistake. All remaining eligible exams were graded and the successful candidates were invited to the Practical on April 11. At 	

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	<p>this time, all Instructor Pretests that were received by the Office by April 7, 2009 have been graded and results should be sent out this week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ix. Funding and Accreditation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accreditation Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It is now time for the first re-accreditations of Intermediate Programs in Virginia. REMS, and Donna Burns' program at UVA are starting the process, CSEMS will be the next program. b) Bobby Ward's program in Portsmouth received State Paramedic Accreditation and he has already submitted his Self Study to CoAEMSP for National Accreditation. c) National College in Harrisonburg withdrew their application for accreditation of their Paramedic Program. 2. EMSTF – We are out of money and no longer accepting contracts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Complaints have already started to come in and some people have been less than cordial on the phone with Jackie Hunter. Chad is asking that this stop immediately. If you have concerns or complaints about the program please direct them to either Chad Blosser or Warren Short b) FY-2010 EMSTF: Today is the Veto session in the General Assembly (GA). Once the budget is finalized we will know how much money will be in the fund. We already know the fund will be \$600,000 less since the GA transferred that money to the Virginia State Police to offset Medevac costs. No changes will be made to the process so it will be first come first served on the fund. Once the contracts are approved they will be posted to the web. x. Other OEMS Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Michael Berg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upcoming Proposed Regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) DDNR and EMS Regulations have been approved by the Department of Health and are in the AG's Office. Once they complete the process, Public Hearings will begin. The Office is planning to do 5 sessions across the State. Mike has already held informational sessions and has some future dates scheduled to discuss some of the changes proposed to the Regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) April 13 Henry Co 2) April 24 Suffolk 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3) May 17 Franklin Co RS 4) May 30 SWEMSC CE Weekend 5) June 7 Chancellor 6) June 10 Winchester-possible 7) July 11 Bedford-possible <p>Randy Abernathy asked if there was a single location to see just the changes. Mike responded that all Regulations including proposed changes are available on the web. Randy suggested that a concise book of only the changes be made available. Mike indicated he may be able to produce that document after the Governor has signed off.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Jeffrey Reynolds asked for clarification about the requirement that a person be certified as an EMT-B prior to entering an ALS Program. Tom Nevetral advised that was a current regulation however, discussions have been held in the Division of Educational Development (DED) to consider removing that requirement and allow people to enter a program and go from “zero to hero.” Jeffrey advised that as an Educational Program it would benefit them to allow people to enter and earn EMT and go directly to Paramedic. This item will be placed on the July Agenda and OEMS will research and Committee Members should be prepared to discuss. <p>2. PDC Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Greg Neiman advised that in researching some of the Administration of the PDC, it was discovered that appointments to the Committee are annual appointments made by the Chair in consultation with the Chair of the Governor’s EMS Advisory Board (GAB). Larry Oliver advised that appointments would be discussed in the GAB Executive Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2009. b) Greg Neiman advised that with the current budget situation VDH Policy has required that we no longer provide meals or continuous beverage service at all Committee meetings in the future. Unless the meal is sponsored by an outside entity we will need to make some decisions on whether we need to change the times and/or locations of the meetings. Information will be disseminated as early as possible for the July meeting. <p>3. Gary Brown – Final openings on GAB have been filled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Gary Dalton replaces Karen Wagner and represents 	

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	<p>VAVRS</p> <p>b) Dr. Allen Yee replaces Dr. Dudley and represents the Medical Society of VA</p> <p>c) Dr. Robin Foster replaces Dr. Guins and represents the American Academy of Pediatrics</p>	
VI. Previous Business	None	
VII. New Business	<p>E. Discussion/recommendation regarding I-99 to Paramedic Transition as proposed by the National Registry-Tom Nevetral (ATTACHMENT: B)</p> <p>a. Tom presented the latest information received from the National Registry. The Committee discussed their concerns about how the I-99 to Paramedic transition will be handled in Virginia</p> <p>F. Review/approve proposed TPAM Changes (ATTACHMENT: C)</p> <p>Chad will ensure all grammatical and spelling errors are corrected.</p> <p>G. Michael Berg discussed an issue regarding Instructors falsifying agency affiliation or encouraging students to supply false agency affiliation at a Test Site to ensure maximum reimbursement is received. The Committee discussed their concerns about unethical behavior</p>	<p>Motion By: Nick Klimenko That we have a proven EMT-Intermediate to Paramedic Bridge program in Virginia and PDC endorses this course as the way to transition in the future and not support the proposed NREMT Transition. Seconded By: Jeffrey Reynolds</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Vote: Unanimously Approved</p> <p>Motion by Nick Klimenko To accept the entire batch of TPAM revisions with the exception of T-145 which was withdrawn. Seconded by: Holly Frost</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Vote: Unanimously Approved</p>

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	that has been reported on a couple of Instructors. The Committee came out strongly against any action by Instructors/Coordinators which falsifies agency affiliation by students to receive full funding.	
VIII. Public Comment	<p>Nick asked a question about the fact that Intubation has been removed from the curriculum and scope of practice for Enhanced providers. If this is still going on, how should it be handled. They should be referred either to the Regional Medical Director or to the State OMD, Dr. Lindbeck.</p> <p>Nick asked a question about the Statewide protocol project. Dr. Lindbeck advised that they would be Guidelines. They would be designed to include educational minimums and operational maximums. This would allow some flexibility within them.</p>	
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 - d. Discussion/recommendation regarding I-99 to Paramedic Transition as proposed by the National Registry.
 - e. Review/approve proposed T-PAM Changes
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Proposed:
Mission Statement
Vision Statement
Core Objectives

**Proposal from the Professional Development Committee
Adopted July 8, 2009**

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Assure Quality and Evaluation - Update the certification process to assure certification examinations continue to be valid, psychometrically sound and legally defensible, using subject matter experts and documents such as: the *Virginia Scope of Practice*, *EMS Education Standards* and *AEMS Council Practice Analysis*.

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